

Notes for Table 2 continued —

Note 8 - Spearing Ban on Northern Pike & Muskellunge Lakes

The following lakes are closed to all spearing except as noted: all waters open to spearing carp May 1 – Aug. 15. *Lakes where Northern Pike may be speared January 1 – February 28. See also Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters Regulations (p. 12), Sylvania Wilderness Area Regulations (p. 13) and Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p. 14-18).

Lakes closed to spearing (except carp may be speared May 1 – August 15):

ALLEGAN: Osterhout L.	LAKE: Big Star L.
ALPENA: Fletcher Floodwaters	LAPEER: Nepessing L.
BARRY: Clear, Crooked, Fish, Lower Lks., and Thornapple L. (No spearing from McKeown Rd. to Barger Rd.)	LENAWEE: L. Hudson
CHEBOYGAN: Cornwall Impoundment and *Tower Pond	LIVINGSTON: Whitmore and Woodland Lks.
CHIPPEWA: Caribou L.	MACKINAC: Brevport L.
CLARE: Budd L.	MARQUETTE: Fish L.
CLINTON: Ovid L.	MONTMORENCY: Fletcher Floodwaters and West Twin Lks.
DELTA: *Dana L.	MUSKEGON: Mona L.
IRON: Cable, Emily, Porter, and Stanley Lks.	OAKLAND: Heron and Tipsico Lks.
*Brule, *Chicagon, *Chief Edwards, *Paint, *Paint Pond, and *Violet Lks.	OTSEGO: Big Bear and Otsego Lks.
KALAMAZOO: Austin, Crooked, and Eagle (Texas Twp.) Lks.	OTTAWA: L. Macatawa
KENT: Campau and Murray Lks.	SCHOOLCRAFT: Big Bass, Grassy, and McKeever Lks.
KEWEENAW: Gratiot L.	ST. JOSEPH: Long L. (Fabius Twp. T6S, R12W, sec 7)
	VAN BUREN: Bankson L., Brownwood L., and Round L. (Keeler Twp. T4S, R16W, Sec. 13)
	WASHTENAW: Whitmore L.

Table 3 Lake Sturgeon

Hook & Line only (*Except Black L. Cheboygan Co., special spearing season)

Open Season	Gear, Harvest, and Size Restrictions	
July 16 - Nov. 30 Great Lakes and connecting waters (except L. St. Clair and St. Clair R.), all inland waters except Otsego L. & Black L. (Cheboygan Co.)	Catch and release only No possession	
July 16 - Sept. 30 L. St. Clair and St. Clair R.	Between 42" - 50". All fish less than 42" and greater than 50" must be released immediately. (Note 1)	1 per season
July 16 - Mar. 15 Otsego L. (Otsego Co.)	50" minimum (Note 1)	1 per season
Sept. 3 - Nov. 1 All MI-WI boundary waters	50" minimum (Note 1, See Table 6)	1 per season
First Saturday in Feb. to Sunday following the second Saturday Black L. (Cheboygan Co.)	Lottery Draw Only - 5 fish quota for the season Tags will be issued by random drawing. Contact DNR Gaylord office 989-732-3541 for details	

*Spearing for lake sturgeon is prohibited, except in Black L. (Cheboygan Co.) under special lottery permit.

Note1: A locking harvest tag must be obtained prior to fishing. Successful anglers must tag the fish and register it immediately (within 24 hrs.) at a designated registration station, check online for locations.

Table 4 General Netting Regulations

The following gear restrictions apply for the species, seasons and water listed below:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Hand Nets may be of any circumference and handle length.● Dip Nets may not exceed 9 x 9 feet square nor be erected or fished within 100 feet of any dam.● Seines may only be used for minnows except under a scientific collector's permit issued by the DNR. FO-229 is available from DNR Operations Service Centers (page 24).		
Species	Seasons	Nets and Waters
Bowfin Carp Gar Smelt Suckers	Mar. 1 - May 31	Hand Nets: South of M-72 Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Clair R., and Detroit R., and all tributaries from the mouth to 1/2 mile upstream. Selected inland streams (list FO-229)
	April 1 - May 31	Hand Nets: North of M-72 (including Upper Peninsula) Great Lakes, St. Marys R. and all tributaries from the mouth to 1/2 mile upstream. Selected inland streams (list FO-229)
	April 1 - May 31	Dip Nets: All Lower Peninsula non-trout streams
	May 1 - May 31	Dip Nets: All Upper Peninsula non-trout streams
Burbot	Dec. 15 - end of Feb.	Hoop Nets: Permit required from DNR office. Peshekee R. (Marquette Co.); AuTrain R. (Alger Co.) from AuTrain L. to mouth; Sturgeon R. (Baraga Co.) from M-38 bridge to mouth; Sturgeon R. (Houghton Co.)